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### COMMUNICATION

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Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of the Notification of Insufficient Fees, mailed March 10, 2006, which states that an additional \$200.00 for one additional independent claim over three is now due.

The undersigned believes that this Notification was mailed in error, as a preliminary amendment containing nine total claims, two of which were independent was filed when the application entered the U.S. National Stage on May 12, 2005.

In order to determine how this fee was calculated, the undersigned reviewed the Image File Wrapper through

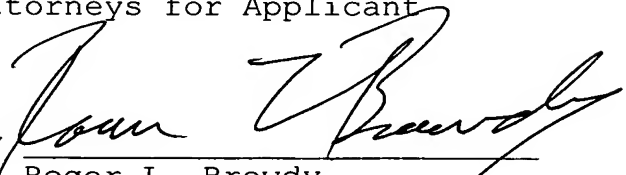
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Private PAIR. The claim calculation sheet as found in the Image File Wrapper indicates that claims 4 and 9 are independent. However, the claims as found in the Image File Wrapper after submission of the preliminary amendment clearly show that claim 4 depends on claim 1 and claim 9 depends on claim 6. Copies of the fee calculation sheet and the claims pages as found in the Image File Wrapper, are attached for reference purposes.

As it appears that the Notification is indeed erroneous, it is requested that the Notification be vacated and the present application be forwarded to the appropriate group for examination.

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## Notification of Insufficient Fees (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 05/12/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 05/12/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 05/12/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 05/12/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 08/04/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 05/12/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 05/12/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/12/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 05/12/2005
- Specification filed on 05/12/2005
- Claims filed on 05/12/2005

MSP = 10/14/2006

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of **\$200** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

## SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$200** for a Large Entity:

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$ 200**
  - **\$200** for **1** independent claims over 3.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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